

# RELIGIOUS BULLETIN

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## EPIPHANY

The scriptures suggest that the Infant Christ was found by only two classes of people: the very simple and the very wise. The unschooled shepherds heard the good tidings from the angels and "found the Child lying in the manger." The Wise Men read the message in a miraculous star and set out in search of Him, even though they did not know where the search would lead them. The Mass tomorrow--called "Little Christmas" by some--dramatizes vividly the coming of the Magi and shows us how we ourselves are now privileged to play their part. We, although we aren't very wise yet, are nevertheless permitted to be the Wise Men of today, bringing our gifts to the manger of the Mass that we may pay our homage to the New-born King. What a difference, though, in the ending of their story and ours. Our gifts are transformed into something infinitely more precious than gold. Keep in mind that there is no Mass at 5:10 tomorrow evening, and assist at Mass during the morning.

## FIRST FRIDAY

If you failed to assist at Mass this morning--the First Friday of the New Year--try to get to the 5:10 Mass this evening in Sacred Heart Church.



The ski explosion that is occurring just about anywhere there's a hill or two has been felt locally, it seems. All beginning "schussboomers" are reminded that Saint Bernard Menton is the patron of skiers, and it might not be a bad idea--after you've checked your insurance policy--to stop by the Chaplain's Office in Dillon and pick up a medal bearing the image of the good saint. Caberfae reports a well-packed eight inch base for the week-end.

## JANUARY 18

January 18th marks the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Tom Dooley. In answer to several requests and in view of the impact of the young Doctor's life on many Americans, a Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul at 5:10 P.M. in Sacred Heart Church on that day. It is fitting that here at Notre Dame in the church and at the grotto he thought about half a world away we should remember him on this anniversary.

## IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Father of John McGuire of Dillon; father of John Kost of Walsh; father of Richard Brilllott, Off-Campus; grandmother of Mike Hartnett of Walsh; grandmother of Tom Michael of Badin; grandmother of Wally Kissel of Morrissey; aunt of Bob Keane of Farley; Mrs. John A. McCone. Ill: Rev. Arthur Schoenfeldt, C.S.C.; mother of Dave Stegman of Dillon; father of Tim Mulheim of Morrissey; grandmother of Dave Devine of Pangborn; Michael Langton of Keenan; Ralph Stayer of Keenan; Jim Kelly of Morrissey; Jim Flynn of Walsh. Two special intentions.



GOOD INTENTIONS often get shelved and are forgotten as quickly as the January thaw comes and goes. Most of you returned with good intentions of getting down to work and completing the papers that are still to be finished or reviewing for examinations. It remains to be seen how well these intentions are pursued. In the past, remember, it took only a movie or a magazine or a loquacious neighbor to get many to abandon a good intention.

DURING THE HOLIDAYS, you probably defended what you're doing here many times over. You probably insisted along with the rest of us that the real business of a university man is learning. You argued that the test of a school is what happens to the students there that wouldn't have happened otherwise. Learning. Learning what is important. Learning to keep on learning. And learning to care about the great and important issues. These you insisted are at the center of every student's life, and of every teacher's.

LIKE ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HERE before you, you have the opportunity, beginning Tuesday, to make a special effort to increase God's grace in your soul, for the purpose of enabling you to do your work as a student in the best way possible every day, but especially during the time of examinations. No Novena for Examinations is going to supply you with the knowledge that should have been acquired in the course of the semester. The Novena, however, can help you to see more clearly what you have been studying, and maybe recall it more precisely. But

it's no substitute for study. You know that by now. But, if you're intent on making the best possible showing out of self-respect and a sense of justice to your parents, then you will make the Novena and pray that you'll do the best you're able to do.

TO HELP clarify your motives and intentions during the nine days, make it a practice to say the following prayer.

PRAYER FOR  
SUCCESS  
IN THE  
EXAMINATIONS

*O Lord and Lifegiver, enable me to understand the pattern of human life, in whose early years I now stand.*

*Confirm in me a trust in Divine Providence which rules all things sweetly.*

*By Thy gift of Counsel take away the limitations on my soul which make it timid and uncertain, and give me the strength to be constant and devoted in the cause of truth.*

*Help me to be numbered among the merciful as through the gift of Counsel I see the Divine pattern which gives meaning to human life.*

*Illumine the sorrows of human existence in the light of Divine destiny, so that I shall accept disappointments and loss with a serene soul.*

*Enlighten me to appreciate that no triumphs in this life are worthwhile unless they bring me closer to Thee Who, with the Father and the Son livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.*